

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 5409

Americans for Tax Reform, Inc.

Grover Norquist

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

On October 19, 2004, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Americans for Tax Reform, Inc. and Grover Norquist each violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and no reason to believe that Grover Norquist violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined on that date to take no further action and closed its file. A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. In addition, one or more Commissioners may elect to issue a Statement of Reasons in this matter. Any Statement(s) of Reasons issued will be forwarded to you.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Allen, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Bradle A. Smith

Chairman

Enclosure

General Counsel's Report